Anchalman, enhancement of daily allowance and consolidated travelling allowance of Anchal Inspectors, the increase in the cost of articles to be purchased for Anchal Offices use and electric fitting charges of Cochin Anchal Office. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotments.

Demands put and carried

24. Rs. 500 under "39-Miscellaneous—Maintenance of strangers and indigent persons"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "39-Miscellaneous—Maintenance of strangers and indigent persons." The reason for this increase was that a larger number of deaths of vagrant persons and beggars occurred than was anticipated. Persons from neighbouring places and neighbouring territories have begun to migrate into our land for want of food. It is not possible to maintain them when the number becomes large.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* On a point of information, may I know the number of such deaths among vagrants and beggars from the beginning of this year up-to-date?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* On what basis has this figure been arrived at ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* On last year's figures. Last year we budgetted as usual for a small amount and during the latter period of last year, the figure went up. That was also the experience for the first two months of this year. So we thought, on that average; we would not be in a position to carry on with this amount.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* We don't quarrel with the amount asked for. We would like to know the statistics. At least for the first two months, are the Government in a position to place facts and figures ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I do not exactly remember the number.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know the nature of the arrangements made by the Government to dispose of dead bodies; or to feed such beggars in their last moments ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No arrangement is made to feed the beggars. If they don't get food, they die. So far as the burial is concerned, arrangements are made by the authorities to take the dead bodies from the place where they are lying to the burial ground.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Can I take it that only the *postmortem* duties are done by the Government ?

Mr. President : I must remind the Hon'ble Members that they must confine their remarks to matters arising out of this particular demand. It is not in order to refer to other matters.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* My purpose was to elucidate the points of discussion which some of us want to raise.

Mr. President : This is not the right opportunity to raise it.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* One more point. Will the Government kindly enlighten this House on the following points ? You said that you have not exact facts and figures. Can you give the figures roughly as regards the various Taluks in the State—How the figures work out as between Taluk and Taluk?

Mr. President : I suggest that if the Hon'ble Member wants detailed information it should be by means of a question.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* On a point of information. Is this amount utilised for Villages and Towns ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In the Towns the Municipalities have to bear the charges and not the Revenue Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is convinced that the increase is at a rapid rate ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Judged by the figures of these six months, it has not gone up.

Demand put and carried

25. Rs. 250 under "1-Land Revenue—(c) Supplies and Services — (c) Remittance of treasure"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move for an additional allotment

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of Rs. 250—under"1. Land Revenue—C. Supplies and Services—(c)-Remittance of treasures". On account of the heavy collections from the various fair price shops and the heavy withdrawals of amounts for payment of paddy, we have to go to the Central Treasury in Trichur from other Treasuries often for remittances and often for withdrawals and there is difficulty also for carrying money in trains. Train times and bus times do not agree with our requirements. Supposing we have to take a lakh of rupees, we must take it to the Trichur Treasury in proper time so that they may be able to count and give us a receipt. By trains, it is not possible to take the money in time. Similarly coming back we must have it counted early to get the next train and reach our treasury in time before they close. In such cases, therefore, we have to engage special cars and this has necessitated this extra expenditure which otherwise we could avoid. It is difficult to get buses also.

Demand put and carried

26. Rs. 1494 under "31. Scientific, etc., Departments.—(3) Geological Survey"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : I move for an allotment of Rs. 1,494—under "31. Scientific, etc., Departments—(3) Geological Survey". This amount is necessary for the pay and other expenses in connection with the extension of the term of the geologist who is working in the State to collect and examine the various kinds of sand and other geological materials that we get from the various parts of the State. A note has been given with reference to these items showing the details of items of work that is being done. I do not think it is necessary for me to read it. It gives the detailed expenditure till the end of the year.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Has he submitted any interim report ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: On most of these points he has submitted interim reports.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Is it published in the Gazette ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: We have an idea of publishing them in the Cochin Information and also in other papers.

Demand put and carried

27. Rs. 47 under "39. Miscellaneous—Food Production Measures"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 47—under "39. Miscellaneous—Food Production Measures". When this Department was wound up towards the end of last year, the furniture that was lent to it from the Huzur Office had to be returned. This Rs. 47 is the item of expenditure incurred to take that furniture from Trichur to Ernakulam. I pray that the allotment may be granted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)* : Were these things badly wanted in the Huzur ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: We retained a portion for our own purposes. The rest we returned.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)* : Until the time it was used in the Food Production Office, was the Huzur Office getting any extra furniture ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The staff in the Huzur Office has also been increased on account of various activities and to avoid purchasing from outside this was returned.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Can we get an idea of the number of furniture ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Some almirahs, some tables and chairs.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)* : Will it come to 47 ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Vallom charges are 10 times what it was in olden days.

Demand put and carried

28. Rs. 200 under "1—4 (d) Land Revenue—Miscellaneous"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 200 under "1. Land Revenue—Miscellaneous". The amount is needed to give value of improvements to a person who cultivated certain lands under a lease granted by the Government which had to be cancelled later for Government purposes. He had made some improvements. He was not legally entitled to their value. That was therefore refused. Afterwards he petitioned. Then we made further investigations, we found that it was a hard case. We thought to be equitable we have to give him some compensation. The year in which it was cancelled was long ago. The amount has to be paid now. The necessity for this arose only now.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know when this eviction took place ?

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